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Covert Enlistments Will Continue

CIA Ignores Harvard's Recruiting Curb

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CIA Director Stansfield Turner said yesterday he will not comply with a Harvard University ban on covert recruiting of foreign students as CIA agents.

"If we were required to abide by the rules of every corporation, every academic institution, it would become impossible to do the required job for our country," Turner said. "Harvard does not have any legal authority over us."

In response to a direct question, Turner said the Central Intelligence Agency would ignore the university's restriction.

Harvard President Derek C. Bok complained to a Senate committee last summer that the CIA covert recruiting threatens "the integrity and independence of the academic community."

He said Harvard was willing to allow the CIA to recruit personnel openly on the campus. But he said the CIA was using faculty members, administrators and students to recruit others—especially foreign students—and to collect information useful in its own operation.

Yesterday on "Face the Nation" (CBS, WDM) Turner said that corpo-



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rations also engage in covert recruiting and added, "I think it's very dangerous for our country when a particular segment of our society—in this case the intelligence community—is singled out for discriminatory action."

On other subjects, Turner said:

- There are "very good prospects" to achieve an arms limitation agreement with the Soviet Union, but the talks are too delicate to relax in confidence.

- The CIA has reviewed and in some cases tightened its security procedures in the wake of the alleged sale to the Soviets of a spy satellite manual by an agency employee. However, he said, overall security precautions at the time of the incident were judged to be satisfactory and the intelligence agency by its nature cannot overly restrict access to classified material by its own staff.

- He has no knowledge of a high-level foreign agent within the CIA, as has been rumored, but "for me to sit here and tell you confidently that there is none would be foolish." He said the agency is constantly looking for leaks from within.

- He has no solution to the dilemma of whether to put foreign spies on trial, where classified material would become public evidence, or to let them go free in order to protect the information. "That's part of our judicial process in this country, and in each case we have to weigh the value and the risk" of revealing the classified information, he said.

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